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# INTRODUCTION

## SOVEREIGNTY IN FEDERAL STATES – DIFFERING APPROACHES

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We are fortunate to have two exciting and accomplished intellects to help us make our way through issues of sovereignty in the federal states in the Canada/U.S. context. From the United States, we have with us today a rising star in the international legal academy, Professor Matthew Schaefer. Professor Schaefer holds a B.A. from the University of Chicago, where he graduated with honors. He also holds a J.D. and an LL.M. from the University of Michigan Law School, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and was Order of the Coif. Professor Schaefer currently teaches public international law, international business transactions, and a seminar on international trade law and policy at the University of Nebraska College of Law. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Nebraska, he served as an international trade consultant to the International Governors' Association and Western Governors' Association in Washington, D.C. during the legislative implementation of the NAFTA and GATT Uruguay Round. He has also served as a consultant to two members of the European Parliament of Brussels, Belgium, and to the states of Hawaii, Texas, and Utah. Over the last few years, he has been producing a wealth of scholarship on some of the most critical trade issues of our day.

Representing Canada, we are very, very happy to have with us today the legendary talent of Charles Caccia. Educated in Milan, and a graduate of the University of Vienna in Forestry Economics, Charles Caccia emigrated to Canada in 1955 where he worked in many distinguished capacities, initially on the faculty of the forestry department at the University of Toronto, and subsequently as a trade analyst for the Italian Trade Commission. He has formed his own publishing company. He became an early leader in adult education before being elected to public office. He was first a member of the City of Toronto Metro Council in 1964, and then he was reelected in 1966. In

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1968 he was elected to the House of Commons in liberal MP for Davenport and was reelected in six subsequent elections. Charles Caccia has served on several House of Parliament standing committees, including the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Constitution in 1978. Prime Minister Trudeau appointed him Minister of Labor in 1981 and Minister of the Environment in 1983. In 1989 he established the Parliamentary Center for Environmentally Sustainable Development. At present, he is the Chair of the Committee on Sustainable Development of the National Liberal Caucus and is a member of its Priority and Planning Committee. He has served on innumerable commissions, contributed many articles to a variety of publications, lectured widely at many universities, and participated in conferences and conventions. We are extremely happy and fortunate to have him with us today.